

Computer Based Course Clarification

There are several computer based credit or non credit generating methods for coursework utilized in Indiana as an alternative site method of instruction. This method allows students to gain credit based on the state standard approved by the district for graduation. A facilitator is present to assist, accommodate, and tutor when needed. Students must be on the program for determined amount of time in order to gain credit. When teachers are hired to teach core academic classes, Highly Qualified becomes a factor. On the other hand, students can participate in individualized learning experiences (whether for credit or not) that do not necessarily involve ANY teachers, e.g., semester abroad, distance learning, research projects and internships. When a student takes computer based coursework the district is allowing students to receive credit for successful completion of online courses. The **facilitators** for these courses **do not need to be** Highly Qualified; however, they do need to hold a valid Indiana teaching license. The **teacher granting the credit** (sending teacher or otherwise) **must be** Highly Qualified.

Alternative Education Programs Packets as a method of instruction Clarification

Many alternative education programs use packets as a method of instruction. These packets are prepared by highly qualified local teachers, are based on state standards and have been approved by the district. The packets function like computer based programs in providing the directing instruction. Teachers in these settings function as on-site facilitators. Since NCLB/Highly Qualified Teacher provisions only apply to teachers who provide DIRECT instruction, alternative education teachers facilitating packets are not required to meet the Highly Qualified Teacher provision. However, if they are working in an approved alternative education program as defined by Indiana Code 20-30-8, they do need to hold a valid Indiana teaching license.